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1. Georg Dertinger, the East German Foreign Minister, has stated that when he was in Prague the week-end of 6 May 1951 he discussed the plebiscite against remilitarization with V.A. Zorin, Deputy Foreign Minister of the Soviet Union. Zorin told Dertinger that West Germany is the most important problem for the East German government, which must by its own efforts achieve the unification of Germany.
2. The following topics were discussed at the meeting of the Kleine Kommission* of the East German Foreign Ministry on 16 May:
 - a. Ways and means of retaining power for the present East German authorities when elections are held throughout Germany. (The assumption of the Kleine Kommission was that the SPD would get a majority of the votes.)
 - b. Ways and means of persuading the Soviet Union to grant a security guarantee to the German Democratic Republic.
3. Rudolf Helmer, chief of the section dealing with Hungary, Bulgaria, and Rumania, addressed all the employees of the Foreign Ministry on 16 May, assuring them that when all-German elections are held, some of the present political parties in West Germany, being war parties, will not be allowed to participate. No one will be permitted to destroy the socialist achievements of the DDR.
4. Polish and other satellite diplomats in Berlin have requested a statement from the DDR Foreign Ministry explaining the recent defeat of the KPD in the election in Lower Saxony. The Kleine Kommission is now debating a suitable answer.
5. Helmer left Berlin on 23 May for Budapest, in order to clean up the "wretched conditions" in the East German embassy there.

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* **Comment:** The Kleine Kommission includes the following persons:

Minister Georg Dertinger

Mrs. Käthe Zinsser

Max Keilson

Dr. Gerhard Reintanz

Rudolf Helmer (sometimes attends)

State Secretary Anton Ackermann

Herbert Busse

Peter Florin

Wilhelm Meissner

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